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Prague - Command Post for Communist Activities in Latin America

Our communists like to present themselves as the champions of the national aspirations of our people, vociferously defending Guatemala in every direction. Many honest fellow-citizens believe that this professed nationalism of the communists is sincere and that this makes it possible to go at least part of the way together with the communists, even though they disagree with the ultimate goals of communism.

Today, we shall try another step to disillusion these honest, but grievously mistaken compatriots by giving you a factual report about how communists in Guatemala are being trained, supervised and directed from abroad - in particularly from Moscow's advanced command post in Prague, capital of communist Czechoslovakia. Such international direction of what pretends to be "nationalism" and "patriotism" here in our homeland is completely in line with LENIN's teachings who wrote as early as 1920 (in "Preliminary draft of these on the national and colonial questions," reprinted in his Selected Works, volume 10):

"...The Communist International must enter into a temporary alliance with bourgeois democracy in colonial and backward countries, but must not merge with it and must unconditionally preserve the independence of the proletarian movement even in its most rudimentary form."

This statement from the great prophet of world communism alone should make it quite clear what shameful role of pacesetters for international communism the so-called "non-communists" in our government, the Arbenz, Panjuel, Toriello & Co. are playing. This is even better illustrated by the following articles in the program of the Communist International, adopted at its 6th Congress 1926 in Moscow and still one of the most fundamental laws for communists everywhere. Article 19 of that program speaks of

"...the masses of the people in the colonies, marching under the leadership and the hegemony of the international revolutionary proletarian movement."

Article 90 of the same program explains in greater detail why the peoples in the "colonial and semi-colonial countries" (including, of course, Guatemala, but also Argentina, Brazil, etc., that is, all Latin American countries) cannot work out their salvation alone:

"As a rule, transition to the dictatorship of the proletariat in these countries will be possible only through a series of preparatory stages, at the outcome of a whole period of the transformation of the bourgeois-democratic revolution into socialist revolution, while in the majority of cases, successful socialist construction will be possible only if direct support is obtained from the countries in which the proletarian dictatorship is established."

Some of the preparatory stages, which the above quoted program of the international communist conspiracy demands, have already become visible in our country: Moscow's puppet Arbenz became President, the Communist Party - contrary to Article 32 of our constitution - was granted the privileges of a legitimate political party, the communists have assumed control over labor unions, peasants organizations and many government agencies, opposition against the rise of communism has been labeled "subversive" and is being driven underground with cruel persecution, and so forth.

The "direct support," of which the Moscow program speaks, means of course "command and control," when you translate it from the communist jargon into generally understood and more sincere terms. The place where these command and "support" functions are concentrated is Prague. There, shortly after the Communists had seized complete control of the Czechoslovak Government in February 1948, under the threatening gaze of nearby Soviet armored divisions, the Latin American branch of the Cominform was set up in 1949.

The center in Prague uses a number of different disguises to camouflage its various, widely ramified activities. The comparatively more innocent functions, such as training foreign communists in languages, geography and history of the countries to which they have been assigned, in basic Marxist doctrines, etc. have been taken over by historic Charles University, one of the oldest European universities, but now subjugated by communism. To the facilities of the university, the remnants of the former School for Colonial Countries, operated prior to World War II by the Communist International in Moscow, have been added.

Political work in Prague is conducted by the League for the Struggle against Imperialism in Latin America which communicates with the communist parties in various Latin American countries through the Czechoslovak or Soviet embassies, legations and consulates. That League in turn is controlled by the "Committee for Anti-Imperialism in the Colonies" in Moscow, which is only another name for the Colonial Division in the Foreign Branch of the Secretariat of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (that is, actually by the Soviet Government).

The "League for the Struggle against Imperialism in Latin America" receives oral, written and cabled reports from communist and fellow-travelling correspondents throughout the Western Hemisphere and issues its orders, directly and indirectly to all communist parties and all other communist-led organizations in our part of the world. In the headquarters of the League, there are sections for each Latin American country. It will not surprise you to hear that the Guatemalan section has been greatly expanded during the last year. You have seen the results of their toils in the unfolding communist plots in our country, in the increased subservience of the Arbenz regime to Moscow's orders, in the arrival of Soviet arms and instructors, and so forth. But this section can also claim credit for the world-wide campaign in favor of Guatemalan communism which communists and their stooges have been conducting the world over, for the daily

Moscow broadcasts about our country, for the setting up of "Societies of Friends of Guatemala" in several Latin American countries, beginning in Mexico under the sponsorship of Lombardo Toledano, and so forth.

Under the general supervision of that political office are not only the above mentioned courses at Charles University, but also the secret school for subversive activities, espionage, sabotage and guerrilla warfare which is (or at least was until recently) headed by a Colonel F. I. Braun, a German-born officer of the Soviet Secret Police, the K.G.B. Military training is given in a secluded installation of the Czechoslovak Army in Brno, while the "civilian" activities of subversion, sabotage conduct of political strikes, street fighting, etc. are taught with the help of the communist-controlled Czechoslovak Intelligence Service.

"Students" undergoing this training as communist agents for Guatemala and other Latin American countries are mostly young men, recruited through the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the successor organization to the pre-war International League of Communist Youth; its branch in Guatemala is the ALIANZA DE LA JUVENTUD DEMOCRATICA DE GUATEMALA, founded in December 1947. Recruitment and control of these "students" is mostly carried out through the World Federation's "Office for Youth's Fight against Colonial Imperialism."

In one recent month alone, no less than 72 "students" from Latin America were present in the Prague institutions which we have just described. Not less than 19 of these were Guatemalans (for most of whom travel expenses - usually by air - were paid by the Arbenz government). Only a few of these traveled directly to Czechoslovakia: most went first to an "innocent" destination, to Switzerland, to Berlin or even to Denmark. After arriving there, they received a Czechoslovak visa, stamped on a separate sheet loosely attached to their passports, so that it could be removed afterwards without leaving any official trace of the attendance

of Moscow's agents school for Latin America....

Incidentally, the figure of 19 Guatemalans in Prague has not too much significance. First, there were others before and still others are yet scheduled to go. (Isn't it so, comrade Alvarado ?), Second - and more important - , Moscow recruits its agents for duty in Guatemala, its beachhead for the conquest of Latin America, by no means only among native citizens of our country. Communists from Spain and from a dozen Latin American countries are active on our soil, busily carrying out Moscow's orders and generously helped with our taxpayers' money - unhesitatingly handed over to them by comrades Arbenz & Co. Therefore, many of the non-Guatemalan students in Prague are earmarked for duty in our country, too. In due time, they will all be granted Guatemalan citizenship, well-paid government positions, preferably in the army, the police and the diplomatic service - that is, if Arbenz-Fortuny's plot is allowed to mature.